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PRIORITY -- ~~SECRET~~ -- GENSER MESSAGE -- 6996 CHARACTERS
REFERENCE FROM COMIPAC HONOLULU HI, SSN 0 AT 18 0301Z APR85.

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REJ: IPAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 72-85 (U)

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(U) INDIVIDUAL ITEMS MAY BE FURTHER DISSEMINATED TO U.S. INTEL-
IGENCE USERS BASED ON CLASSIFICATION AND NEED TO KNOW. REQUESTS
FOR RELEASE/DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY TO A
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO COMIPAC FOR APPROVAL IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY.

(U) FORWARD WITHOUT SERVICE. INFORMATION PERISHABLE.

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(U) THE SECURE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR IPAC ANALYSTS IS 6223,
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

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1) THIS SUMMARY CONTAINS FOUR ITEMS:

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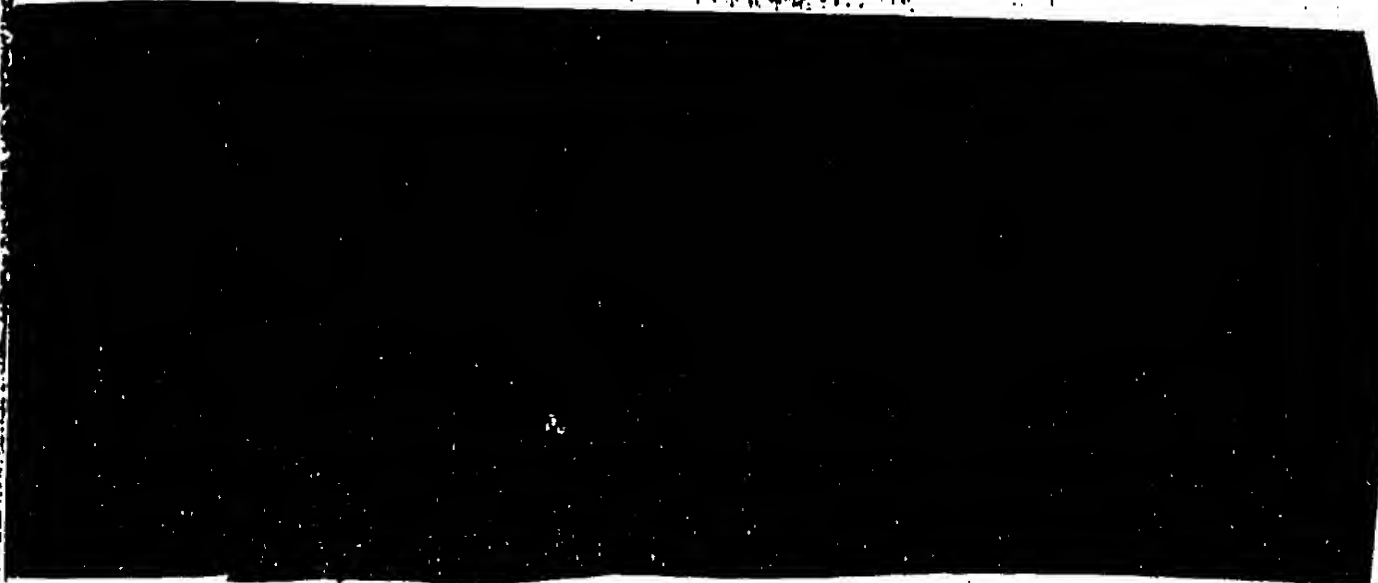
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(2) CHINA: MILITARY RESERVES.

(2) THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) HAS ESTABLISHED
A RESERVE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIVE MOBILI-

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ATION BASE FOR WARTIME, WHILE REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE ACTIVE
FORCE. THUS FAR, AT LEAST 13 RESERVE DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN IDENTI-
FIED. AS MANY AS 40 DIVISIONS, WITH A RESERVE STRENGTH OF NEARLY
ONE MILLION MEN, ARE EXPECTED EVENTUALLY. REPORTING INDICATES THE
PLA'S 29 MILITARY DISTRICTS WILL EACH HAVE ONE INFANTRY DIVISION
AND SEVERAL SUPPORT UNITS. IN ADDITION TO INFANTRY UNITS, OTHER
TYPES NOTED HAVE INCLUDED ENGINEER, ARMOR, ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY,
AND SIGNAL ELEMENTS.

(U) THE RESERVE UNITS ARE COMPRISED OF DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS AND
VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE. RESERVE OFFICERS ARE
SELECTED FROM EXPERIENCED REGULAR OFFICERS WHO HAVE RESIGNED FROM
ACTIVE SERVICE, DISCHARGED ENLISTED MEN SELECTED FOR RESERVE COM-
MISSIONS, AND COLLEGE GRADUATES RECRUITED DIRECTLY INTO THE
RESERVES. UNDER CHINA'S NEW MILITARY SERVICE LAW, RESERVISTS SERVE
UNTIL AGE 26, AT WHICH TIME THEY ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE MILITIA.
IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN AT WHAT LEVEL THESE RESERVE UNITS WILL BE
ARMED OR HOW FULLY EQUIPPED THEY WILL BE. THEY LIKELY WILL
RECEIVE OLDER EQUIPMENT DISCARDED BY ACTIVE UNITS.

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